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In re Application of: )  
Philip E. SILKOFF et al. )  
Serial No.: 08/827,703 ) Group Art Unit: 3312-5  
Filed: April 9, 1997 ) Examiner: William Deane  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Box Non-Fee Amendment  
THE MEASUREMENT OF )  
EXHALED NITRIC OXIDE IN HUMANS )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments. The undersigned acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication in a brief telephone discussion that he would consider such claims.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

On page 5, after line 11, please insert two new paragraphs as follows:

--The Glaser *et al.* Patent, identified above, describes an invention that relates to methods and devices for measuring and analyzing contents of gas samples, and more particularly to a method and apparatus for sampling volumetric quantities of human exhaled breath, and then